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POLAND CHINA BOAR.

Black Ben—Owned by Judge John S. Brasfield.

The famous Platte county, Poland China Boar—Black Ben—was the winner of the first prize and sweepstakes at the Saint Joseph Fair, 1873. Amount of premium $150.00. This magnificent animal at two years weighs 848 pounds, and was one of the premium herd at the Kansas City Exposition, 1872, and received first premiums and sweepstakes at the Platte county Fair, 1873.

Our friend Judge Brasfield deserves a monumental shaft to be erected on the highest portion of the *Bear Rough*, to commemorate his valuable services in improving the breed of hogs in Platte county and Northwest Missouri. He has from the best stock of Shepard and Alexander, of Charleston, Illinois, combined with those of McCreecry and an imported cross from Canada, obtained the best hog that can be found or is known in any country.

Judge Brasfield would not part with his Boar, although offered a fabulous amount for him, and only consults his own interest by keeping him; for every one of his progeny is worth from 15 to 20 dollars, and the demand is so great that it was impossible at Saint Joseph to supply the half of purchasers.

And Thornton the true, tried and honest old servant of the Judges family, who with his children have remained with the Judge through every vicissitude of the past thirteen years, comes in for his meed of praise, in this the hour of triumph. This faithful old black servant declares, that our Poland China "Black Ben" must not be sold, but must remain the property of a Platte county citizen, until his career is honorably and profitably closed, and then his stuffed hide will be as valuable for a sign to some immense metropolitan pork packing establishment, as that of the famous mare's Lady Suffolk, is to the Harness and Saddle Emporium on Broadway, New York. "The man who has made two blades of grass grow where only one grew before," is a public benefactor, and no less a benefactor is the man who succeeds in making two pounds of pork, with the same corn that formerly made only one.

When "*Black Ben*" goes for the $1,000 sweepstakes at the National Hog Show in Chicago, in 1874, may we be there to see.

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